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Copies of the two (2) foreign references identified below are enclosed herewith.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u> 5,004,475	<u>Issued</u> April 2, 1991	<u>Inventor</u> Vermeire et al.
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A copy of a European Search Report in a corresponding European Application (i.e. EP 04 25 8130) is also enclosed that identifies the four (4) references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The other reference cited in this search report was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this case with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 19, 2005.

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